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IT CAUSED POOR SERVICE

Reeder Says Aurora Borealis Was Responsible for the Telephone Trouble.

"Better say your prayers, girls. There is going to be an earthquake." Miss Ida Potter, the chief operator of the Columbia telephone exchange gave the foregoing warning to the "hello girls," the day before the slight earthquake felt in Columbia last week. Signals from the lines had been coming in all morning apparently of their own accord.

"I know something is going to happen," explained Miss Potter. "That is the way the wires acted in St. Louis five years ago, and we had an earthquake shortly afterward."

Miss Potter predicted the earthquake not only to the telephone girls, but to those at her boarding house she said that something was going to happen.

"When a subscriber lifts the receiver from the hook," said Miss Potter, "a smaller shutter drops down, disclosing a red signal and connecting the wires of a light on the operator's desk. The operators were kept busy answering bogus calls all day. Of course they had no way of knowing whether the signals were real or caused by the electrical disturbance, so they had to answer every one of them. Then the service was very bad that day. It was impossible to get good service on long distance calls or even on rural lines. I reported the trouble to the trouble man but he was unable to stop it."

George Reeder, director of the Missouri section of the United States Weather Bureau, says that the earthquake had nothing to do with the queer action of the wires.

"The queer circumstances of the signals coming in of their own accord was caused by a strong Aurora Borealis, which was visible farther east but was very dim here. The Aurora Borealis was so strong in the East and in Europe that in many places telephones which were disconnected from their batteries, registered calls and conducted conversations in the usual manner, due to the strong electrical influence of the Aurora."

FROM HIS FARM TO CAFE.

Mr. Pemberton Will Furnish Fresh Produce to Girls' Dormitory.

M. H. Pemberton, who is erecting a dormitory for girls at the southwest corner of Conley and Missouri avenues, says that vegetables for the cafe will be furnished fresh from his own farm.

"As far as possible," said Mr. Pemberton, "I will use produce from my farm and thus every thing will be sure to be good." The dormitory will be finished by November 1. It will accommodate thirty girls. In the basement will be a cafe open to the general public. Apart from this will be a dining room for the occupants of the dormitory and outsiders desiring regular meals. Here seventy-five people can be accommodated. The building will be heated by steam and will be modern in every respect. Mr. and Mrs. McBride will have charge of the dormitory.

HATLESS FAD AT WELLESLEY.

Students in Girls' School Will Go Without Headgear.

Wellesley—The Wellesley College girls are returning for the school year, and every train brings in a bevy of the fair students who come either to start or resume their studies at the college.

From present indications the students at this college will go bareheaded for the greater part of the year. Saturday the campus and town were swarmed with the young women, all of whom were well wrapped in heavy coats or sweaters, but nary a hat could be seen. They will continue to go without their headgear, with the exception of certain occasions, as one young woman stated, "It is the proper way to be."—Boston Post.

Freshman Frightens Negro Boys.

A freshman in the Missouri State Military School picked up his rifle to record its number in his notebook while watching the football practice Friday. Three negro boys on the next row of seats on the bleachers noticed the movement. Immediately they began to yell, and, with the students on the bleachers urging them to increased speed, ran until they reached the west entrance of the athletic grounds.

A Dry Town.

Fun and local option.—(Adv.)

PREPARING FOR BIBLE STUDY.

Six Students Enrolled in the New Department of Missouri School.

The new preparatory department of the Bible College of Missouri has enrolled six students. Each is a candidate for the ministry.

Dean Charles M. Sharpe of the College says this beginning is very encouraging. He hopes that the department will serve the School of Education High School of the University of Missouri as the college is serving the university by giving the young men and women religious teachings which a state is forbidden to do through its public schools.

The next aim of this department, according to Dean Sharpe, is to give those young persons who desire to become preachers in the home land or missionaries in the foreign fields, an early preparation so that those who find themselves unfitted, or the profession undesirable, to drop it before it is too late to study for another vocation.

OFF TO A CHURCH CONVENTION

Delegates Go From Columbia to Pittsburgh Meeting.

The Rev. Madison A. Hart, pastor of the Christian church; C. M. Sharp, dean of the Missouri Bible College; T. E. Winter, professor of the Old Testament in the Bible college; Mrs. L. W. Saint Clair, president of Christian College; and Mrs. Rosa Ingels left today to attend the annual convention of the Christian Church in Pittsburgh. They are delegates to the convention from Columbia.

From here the party will go to St. Louis, where a special train will be made up to carry delegates from this section of the country to Pittsburgh. This convention is also the centennial of the beginning of the church's work in this country.

Q CLUB TO GIVE A PLAY.

Aspirants for Footlight Honors Should See Vaughn Bryant.

The Q club, a dramatic organization in the University of Missouri, will give the first play of the school year about the middle of December. Those desiring to appear before the footlights in the university auditorium should apply to Vaughn Bryant, 500 College Avenue.

The Q club is successor to the Quadrangle club, organized by Maxwell E. Blake, a former student, now American consul at Dunfermline, Scotland.

CALL FOR A STUDENT PASTOR.

Charles Swift Will Preach at Wells-ville Christian Church.

Elder Charles Swift of this city has been called by the Christian congregation of Wellsville, Mo., for the ensuing year. Mr. Swift is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University. He will continue his studies here.

Fast Ballplayer Enrolls.

Sidney Lindgrove, of Kansas City, who played shortstop on the fast Kansas City Central high school team last spring, enrolled in the University of Missouri today. That team defeated the Joplin high school for the state championship here last May. Lindgrove practically won the game for his team by a timely single in the twelfth inning which scored two men and prolonged the game three innings. He also led the Missouri Valley high school league in both fielding and batting.

Miss Leitch Heads Women.

At the first meeting of the Women's Council Friday, Miss Mary Leitch was elected chairman and Miss Eva Rowland temporary secretary. Miss Leitch is a junior in the College of Arts and Science and is the representative of the School of Education on the Savitar staff. She will call a mass meeting of the women of the university this week, as her position is chairman of the women as well as the council.

U. of M. Woman Goes to Teach.

Miss Henrietta Bowman has accepted a position as teacher in the Excelsior Springs high school. Miss Bowman was graduated from the College of Arts and Science last June, and has been in Columbia since September 20 taking graduate work. She left Columbia this morning.

Recital at Stephens College.

The first of the series of faculty recitals to be given at Stephens College this season will be held tonight in the college auditorium. It will consist of selections from Bach, Chopin, Faure, Debussy, Philippi, Wider and Liszt, by Basil Deane Gauntlett.

Glennon Club Picnic Saturday.

About forty members of the Glennon club, at a meeting Friday night, decided to hold a picnic next Saturday afternoon. The Glennon club meets every two weeks. It is composed of Catholic students of the University of Missouri.

A reception for Baptist students and their friends was held in the parlors of the Baptist church last Friday night. The evening was spent informally in getting acquainted.

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SOCIOLOGY NO PLEA FOR VICE.

Prof. Brooks Denounces It And Calls Slumming a Kindred Evil.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 11.—"Sociology is not an excuse for being caught in places where no reputable person has any business. That particular excuse may have been clever once, but it is played out now. If any of my students are ever arrested and are so unwise as to plead their status as sociologists in extenuation I shall hurry to court, but not to ask for clemency. Instead I shall appeal to the prosecutor to demand the extreme penalty of the law in their cases."

In a lecture Prof. Robert C. Brooks of the University of Cincinnati spoke as above in dealing with certain conceptions of the science under discussion. In addition the practice of slumming came in for castigation.

"Slumming," said Prof. Brooks, "is either genuine, in which case it is an outrage, or faked, in which case it is worthless for purposes of social observation. When it is faked the course of the sight-seeing automobile is simply turned toward Chinatown and the tiger is shown considerably larger than life, and hence is unnatural. It is merely unwarranted intrusion in the privacy of people whose rights are dear to them as the rights of the well to do and rich are to those classes."

"The sincere student who wishes to supplement study of books with observation and experience may find many perfectly legitimate means of gaining his end. University settlement work is most valuable in this way. Friendly visiting for the associated charities and some forms of church work are also very helpful."

Illinois University Income.

The income of the University of Illinois is derived from the proceeds of the endowment received through the "land grant" by congress in 1862, amounting in 1905 to \$30,897.76, the congressional grant of 1887 to the agricultural experiment station of \$15,000 per annum, and the further congressional aid of 1890 for the expenses of instruction of \$25,000 per annum; from fees paid by students, about \$65,000, and from state appropriations. The latter during recent years has been very liberal.

At Turcoing, France, five couples of working people celebrated their golden wedding the other day. Great festivities were provided for the occasion by the municipal authorities.

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